National Fisheries Policy

*527 SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased *o state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a National Fisheries Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The Government have constituted an Expert Group to formulate a National Fisheries Policy covering all aspects of the fisheries sector. Various Ministers, Departments, Organisations, State Governments, private institutions and individuals who are closely connected with divers activities of the fisheries sector in the country, have been included as members of the Expert Group.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Expert Group has had several meeting to discuss various issues involved and is in the process of preparing the draft policy paper.

Jhuggi-Jhonpries in Delhi

*528. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether no study has been conducted to find out as to how the growth of slums could be restricted in Delhi where the Jhuggi-Jhonpries are on the increase;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to carry such a study which would help to fake suitable remedial measures; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any record is maintained about the number of Jhuggi-Jhonpries; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that no such study has been conducted.

(b) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have reported that no such record is maintained.

Harmful effects of Chemicals used as Mosquito Killers

*529. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemicals used by various companies manufacturing mosquito killers are harmful to human beings;

(b) if so, the names of the companies manufacturing mosquito killers chemicals;

(c) whether Government have ever examined the effect of these chemicals on human beings; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRI CULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir. Only those chemicals are granted registration- as mosquito killers (repellants) which satisfy the prescribed safety parameters.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of thge House, (see below)

(c) and (d) Before registration of any chemical pesticide, the Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968, examines the data generated as per prescribed guidelines,